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For: ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH  
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OR WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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In reply to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed January 29, 2003,  
Applicants respectively submit that there is no need to file a responsive Amendment with a  
Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). In particular, unlike a Request for Continued  
Examination (RCE), a CPA is a new application. As such, there is no requirement that the  
Applicants respond to an Office Action issued in the previous application (see 37 C.F.R.  
§1.53(d)).

Early and favorable consideration of the application as amended in the Preliminary  
Amendment filed October 30, 2002, is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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